

## **MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, October 26, 2015**

**301 W. Jefferson Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Phoenix, Arizona 85003**

**Board of Supervisors Conference Room**

Vice President Kip Steill called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL:**

#### **Members Present:**

Don Cassano  
Nedra Halley  
Andrew Kunasek  
Debra Baldauff  
Kip Steill  
Michael Mills, M.D.  
Francisca Montoya

#### **Members Excused:**

Andrew Ingram  
Dr. Scott Somers  
Don Hughes

Ex-Officio: Bob England, M.D.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Kip Steill announced it was time for a call to the public and requested public comment forms for those who wanted to speak or who wanted to address any action items.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Vice President Steill asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the BOH Meeting held on August 17, 2015. Motion was made by Mr. Don Cassano to approve the BOH minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Ms. Nedra Halley and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Fee Waiver Applications**

**Ms. Jeannie Taylor**

Ms. Jeannie Taylor presented twenty-three (23) fee waivers for review and consideration of approval. A summary sheet document was provided.

**Motion to approve the 23 Fee Waiver applications was made by Ms. Nedra Halley, seconded by Mr. Don Cassano and all were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Discussion Items:**

**Dr. Bob England**

1. **Public Health Report:**
  - i. **Human Resources**
  - ii. **Communication**
  - iii. **Infrastructure**
  - iv. **Strategic Planning**
  - v. **Programs**
  - vi. **Disease Update**
  - vii. **Future Topics**

Dr. Bob updated the board on MCDPH accreditation status. Despite the positive site visit, MCDPH has not attained accreditation yet. An action plan will be submitted for improvement in several areas that is

awaiting approval. If the Public Health Accreditation Board accepts the action plan, MCDPH will work to show documentation of the action plan and will hope for accreditation in the spring or summer of 2016.

Currently, the data is split on e-cigarettes. Health England recently published that e-cigarettes are less harmful than smoking tobacco but the report has been widely criticized. In kids, there have been reported dramatically higher rates of use of nicotine. There is split data on if e-cigarettes are a gateway to tobacco use. The overall rates on use of cigarettes are down but nicotine consumption is up. The county-wide tobacco free policy is being rolled. MCDPH is in the lead for implementation. The Smoke-Free Kids organization has been campaigning to implement smokeless tobacco prohibition in baseball stadiums. The Diamondbacks already have prohibited the home team from smokeless tobacco prohibition (the visiting team is not prohibited due to the MLB/Player's Union). This campaign is attempting to prevail upon the government entities who own baseball stadiums to impose smokeless tobacco prohibition.

Dr. Bob recently attended Representative Carter's stakeholder exemption group for immunizations. There will likely not be legislation like California, but rather legislation that will make it more difficult for parents to claim exemptions. Several model options are education that involves going to the child's healthcare provider or web-based education requirements. Dr. Bob also reported that MCDPH is working with AHCCCS on adult immunizations and individuals that are falling between the cracks. AHCCCS drives enrollees to their medical home; however, the issue is that most medical providers do not stock vaccine for adults. A policy is being worked on that will require AHCCCS plans to reimburse county health departments for vaccines. It is unknown what kind of demand this will place on the immunization clinics. TAPI is also working on getting initial agreements with multiple insurers for clinic and lab services provided by local health departments.

AHCCCS is committed to moving towards reimbursing for community paramedicine. Community paramedicine providers are fire department personnel. However, each fire department has a different definition of community paramedicine and what the standard scope of practice for paramedicine should be. ADHS is debating creating a type of mid-level paramedic certification. This is something that will take time to develop.

The new Behavioral Health Integration position has been working to describe how the system works and the public interface with Correctional Health. Currently, the jail is the largest mental health facility. Right now, Correctional Health is working to build in reports into the EHR that will have the capabilities to track particular questions, not just the individual, in hopes that data will be able to mesh with the jail records. This is in an effort to gain data on recidivism.

MCDPH staff was critical in the recent *Salmonella* Poona outbreak in cucumbers and were recognized as breaking the case in record time.

MCDPH is working on an internal re-organization that will be rolling out soon. The re-org will allow for offices based on target populations and will increase collaboration amongst staff. The re-org is budget neutral and has actually gained some attention from NACCHO.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CURRENT EVENTS**

- Next meeting is January 25, 2016

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Don Cassano, seconded by Ms. Halley and motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.